

**TARIFF BODY
BILL IS DEAD
FOR PRESENT**

Democrats Secure Postponement of Action on Measure.

HEAR PERSIA APPEAL

Communication From Country Presented in House—Taft's Second Message Read.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Payne bill to create a permanent tariff board was brought up in the house by the committee on ways and means by the republican members, but the committee indefinitely postponed action through a unanimous vote of democrats. This probably shuts off consideration at this session.

EXPLAINS MEXICAN MOVEMENT.

In the second one, to the peace message he has sent to congress during the three days of the present session, President Taft reviewed the foreign relations of the United States with foreign governments during the past year. In this message the president gave the first official explanation of the post-haste movement of 20,000 federal troops to Mexico in nine months; urged the senate to ratify the general arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France and conventions with Nicaragua and Honduras, and suggested legislation he declared would strengthen this nation's world trade and its position among other powers.

(The message of President Taft on foreign relations is printed in full on page 7 of this issue.—Editor Argus).

UNDERWOOD ENDORSED.

Democratic Leader Underwood was endorsed for the presidential nomination by the Alabama delegation in congress today. Underwood, while appreciating the honor, declared he was not a candidate.

BERLIN INTERVIEWS TAFT.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The Tageblatt publishes under a Washington date what purports to be an interview with President Taft, in which the president is represented as anxious for an arbitration treaty with Germany and for an international tribunal. Taft also is said to have declared that a tariff which is too high favors building up monopolies and, according to the correspondent, the president is conscious he was elected upon the expectation of honorable tariff reform, and on this matter he awaits the tariff board's report.

As to Shuster, the president is quoted as saying he went to Persia in a private capacity and intervention was excluded.

**URGING ABROGATION
OF RUSSIAN TREATY**

New York, Dec. 7.—Abrogation of the treaty of friendly relations between the United States and Russia, made in 1832 when Nicholas I, was emperor of Russia and James Buchanan was American minister to St. Petersburg, was urged in speeches delivered by 12 or more men of national prominence and in resolutions adopted at a large mass meeting held at Carnegie hall last night. The meeting was under the auspices of the national citizens' committee, which plans a series of similar demonstrations throughout the country during the next month in protest against discrimination by Russia in its refusal for many years to honor the passports of Jewish-American citizens.

**PROHIBITIONISTS MEET
IN ATLANTIC CITY NEXT**

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Atlantic City was chosen as the place of the national convention of the prohibition party. The time was not determined upon at the meeting which selected the convention city. Balloting continued for several hours before a decision was reached. At a later session it was decided that the date for the 1912 convention be left to Chairman Charles Jones to be selected some time between June 20 and July 20.

**FORMER GOVERNOR OF
NEBRASKA DIES TODAY**

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Albinus Nance, 63, former governor of Nebraska, died here today at Augustana hospital of pneumonia.

Adrian, Mich., Dec. 7.—Former Congressman Henry C. Smith, 55, is dead of pneumonia.

Calls Bank Statement.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather, with probably rain tonight or Friday. Moderate temperature. The temperature tonight will remain above freezing. Highest temperature yesterday 50. Lowest last night 41. Temperature at 7 this morning 43. Wind velocity 5 miles an hour. Precipitation none. Relative humidity at 7 last night 65; at 7 this morning 63. River stage 2.09, a fall of .03. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 4:29, rises 7:08; moon rises 5:50 p. m.; moon farthest north and highest for the year, being near zenith at 2 a. m.; 2 p. m., planet Mercury at greatest eastern elongation, 20 degrees 50 minutes east of sun; phase, 0.62; light, .51; maximum of 14 day period of Gemind meteors.

**BIXBY FOR A GREAT
WATERWAYS SYSTEM**

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary Fisher and General Bixby, chief of army engineers, speaking before the national rivers and harbors congress today, urged the necessity of considering developments of waterways not only for navigation, but also with regard to the establishment of waterpower sites and construction of irrigation reservoirs and flood levees. Bixby said if the recommendations of the army engineers could pass congress without amendment, the United States, in a few years, would have the greatest system of inland waterways in the world. The western governors, who arrived here today, were guests of the convention this afternoon.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Closer cooperation by legislatures with the federal government in promoting irrigation was urged by Samuel Fortier, chief of irrigation inspection of the department of agriculture, before the national irrigation congress today. The speaker declared many western state's projects were retarded because of lack of necessary legislation by the states.

**BAR FARMERS FROM
JURY FOR PACKERS**

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Eleven men were in the jury box when the federal court convened today to resume the packers' case. Six of these are farmers. It is believed the defense, by peremptory challenges, would eliminate as many farmers as possible from the jury.

**DEFENSE GIVEN HARD
BLOW IN HYDE TRIAL**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 7.—Defeat for the defense in the trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde for the alleged murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, came yesterday when Judge Porterfield admitted testimony intended to show that the physician inoculated the arm of Miss Margaret Swope with pus germs at a time when he says he gave her a hypodermic injection of camphorated oil. By this ruling the way is opened for the introduction of testimony relating to the different kinds of germs Dr. Hyde had in his office during the siege of illness in the Swope home. It is contended by the state that he thought he was administering diphtheria germs to Miss Swope when he gave her the injection. It was contended at the first trial of the case that Dr. Hyde spread typhoid germs at the Swope home, causing an epidemic.

**BRANCH COURT ACT IS
HELD CONSTITUTIONAL**

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—The supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of an act passed by the legislature last spring providing for the appointment of branch appellate courts in districts where the number of cases at one time exceeds 250.

**POSTAL CLERK GIVES UP
\$25,000 HE HAD STOLEN**

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—A package containing \$25,000 which disappeared from the annex postoffice station Sept. 14, 1910, was recovered yesterday. George V. Steck, a postoffice clerk, had the package since its disappearance. He confessed to postoffice inspectors. Of the amount \$1,400 is missing.

Yesterday in Congress

SENATE. Not in session. Lorimer inquiry resumed. Monetary commission resumed executive sessions. Anti-trust legislation discussed at senate committee hearing.

HOUSE. Met at noon. Miscellaneous bills considered under call of committees. J. D. Rockefeller and Rev. F. D. Gates invited to appear on Monday before steel committee. Government estimates attacked as misleading by appropriations committee chairman. Diplomatic recall urged by Representative Berger, socialist, on account of Russian passport trouble. World's sugar prices probed by sugar inquiry committee. Tariff plans discussed by democrats on ways and means committee. Congress probably will not act on Persian incident. Representative Sims claimed bill abolishing commerce court would be passed. Railroad physical valuation bill introduced by each of Wisconsin. Mine rescue work government liability bill passed.

**MAKETRUSTS
BEHAVE: GARY**

Head of Steel Corporation Advocates Federal Supervision.

FAVORS POOLING PLAN

Sees No Harm in Competitors Conferring on Business Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 7.—E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel corporation, testified before the senate committee on interstate commerce today that he always believed it was entirely legal for competitors to

**RULERS GREETED
BY INDIA NATIVES**

George and Mary Enter King's Gate, Not Opened Since 1857.

PARADE IS PICTURESQUE

Quarter Million Persons Assemble in Durbar Camp to Attend Reception.

Delhi, India, Dec. 7.—Roar of the imperial salute welcomed King-Emperor George and Queen-Empress Mary here today. At the station outside the fort, government officials, Indian princes, military officers and thousands of natives assembled to greet the royal pair. After a series of presentations, their majesties proceeded to the pavilion within the fort, where there were introduced 150 ruling chiefs, attired in richly colored garments and bedecked with jewels.

PROCESSION TO CAMP.

Then followed a procession to Durbar camp, four miles away. Great

**M'NAMARAS
NOT TO TELL**

Said Both Will Refuse Information to Federal Grand Jury.

POSITION DISAPPOINTS

Detective Burns Says Brothers Are Guilty in Connection With Scores of Cases.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—John J. McNamara, the confessed dynamiter, told Jailer Gallagher today that under no circumstances would he give the federal grand jury information of any kind. It is understood that James B.

**STORAGE RAISES
COST OF LIVING**

Secretary of Agriculture, in Annual Report, Tells of Conditions in Nation.

FARMER GETS 50 CENTS

Who Receives Other Half of Dollar Is Question Official Can't Answer.

Washington, Dec. 7.—"The consumer pays a dollar for food; the farmer gets less than fifty cents of it. Who gets the rest?" That is a question which Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture asks in his annual report. The secretary does not attempt to answer it. He does explain in some detail the results of an investigation his department has just concluded into the effect of cold storage on the wholesomeness and cost of food. His investigation leads him to recommend publicity for the amount of food in cold storage, just as the department now gives publicity to the condition of crops from month to month.

COLD STORAGE DELIVERIES.

Instead of food remaining in storage for longer than a year or two years, as a rule, the secretary declares that his investigation showed that "receipts into cold storage are entirely or very nearly exhausted by the deliveries out of cold storage within ten months."

Long storage is the exception, the secretary asserts, warehousemen explained to the department that excessive long storage was due to lawsuits and other circumstances of an uncommercial nature. The cost of storage, including storage charge, interest and insurance, is considered as a barrier to very long storage.

Cold storage, the secretary reports, has raised the cost of living by increasing the annual price level for butter and eggs.

The secretary says that an examination of the record of prices gives a "suspicion" that there has been much speculation in some years by the men who keep commodities in cold storage.

OVERESTIMATE CONSUMPTION.

He refers to "an apparent mistake" of the storage men in overestimating the consumption of eggs by the public at exorbitant prices last winter with the result that in the spring the storage men had to sell eggs at remarkably low prices and send abroad the largest amount of eggs ever exported in order to get rid of the supply. The secretary declares that the warehousemen ought to be required to send to Washington each month the amount of commodities placed in storage so that the public may be able to judge of the future trend of prices.

A great variety of subjects are dealt with by the secretary in his report. He says that the day is not far distant when the United States will cease to import potash, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Idaho are mentioned as depositories.

RECOMMENDS ONE BUREAU.

Recommendation is made that all government agencies that conserve health should be grouped together in one bureau. The success of the department in the southern states through object lessons in the fields is pronounced to have been such as to justify the extension of the work to all states.

The department announces that the corn crop is moving northward by seed selection. The American systems of renting land are declared to be faulty and result in soil robbing. It is suggested that domestic animals be kept on farms even if the land owner must furnish them, and that there be a rotation of crops.

After years of experimentation the department says that Egyptian cotton can be grown in southern California and bulbs in the state of Washington. The crayfish is pronounced to be a serious pest in the south. Carbon bisulphide is said to be a sure remedy. The finest dates from the Sahara desert succeed in the southwestern states.

\$750,000,000 POULTRY.

Poultry products for the past year are estimated to have been worth \$750,000,000.

The foresters of the forestry bureau are learning by experiments how to reforest 30,000 acres in a year. The secretary says that ten times this much must be planted annually to cover all the bare acres in a generation.

"We are sending explorers to the ends of the earth for new plants and getting them," says Secretary Wilson. The secretary warns the irrigation farmers that they must conserve their soil; that irrigation will bring maximum crops while the land is new and full of plant food. But where the crops are sold year by year, irrigation of itself will not of itself assure good results.

his lot today, when he became defendant in a \$50,000 damage suit. The suit is brought by Louise M. Sawyer, widow of Robert L. Sawyer, a telegraph operator, employed by the Los Angeles Times and killed in the explosion which wrecked that building Oct. 1, 1910.

**OATH TO BACK
UP STORY BY
MR. LORIMER**

Senator Will be Last Witness Heard by Committee.

PAINT WHITE BLACKER

Witness Recounts Incidents Leading Up to Disposition of Article to Tribune.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Several witnesses for the defense were heard by the Lorimer committee today. The committee expects to close the case within two weeks. Lorimer will be the last witness for the defense and will testify under oath for the first time.

George Gloss testified Frank Seems a friend of White, told him he and White were preparing a "story to blackmail Lorimer for \$150,000, if possible, or at least \$75,000."

REFUSES TO JOIN IN.

For this, the witness declared, Seem had told him White said he would turn over all papers to Lorimer. The witness intimated Seem had invited him into the alleged scheme, but he had declined. He said the story had been offered to some eastern publisher who refused it for lack of verification.

NEWSPAPER BUYS IT.

Then the story was to be sold to a newspaper and the witness said Seem told him President Wright of the Illinois Federation of Labor was to take White to a newspaper that would buy the story. White eventually sold the story to the Chicago Tribune.

**DISCHARGE THREE
CHICAGO OFFICERS**

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Police Inspector Charles Dorman and Lieutenants William Ambrose and Thomas Howard were discharged from the department by the city civil service commission yesterday. They were charged with incompetency, particularly in failure to observe anti-gambling and anti-vice statutes and ordinances, these discharges, with the resignation of Captain Plunkett under fire, and the discharge of Lieutenant W. W. Walsh, on similar charges were the first results of the commission's investigation of relations between the police and vice and the general inefficiency on the part of the police department.

**AURORA TO ESTABLISH
CITY MARKETING PLACE**

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 7.—In an effort to reduce the high cost of living a city market is to be established in Aurora, the council having decided to open a market on a centrally located downtown site on March 1 next. With its establishment peddling by farmers or hawkers within the city limits will be forbidden. The success of the Joliet market influenced the aldermen in this action. Before Thanksgiving day dressed turkeys were selling on the Joliet city market for 18 cents per pound, while in Aurora the price was 25 cents.

**REVOLUTIONARY PLOT IS
FOUND IN NICARAGUA**

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Dec. 7.—A revolutionary conspiracy has been discovered in several departments. A number of arrests have been made.

Steer 90 Cents a Pound.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Victor, champion steer at the international live stock exposition, owned by the Iowa Agricultural college, came close to a new record for cattle in the auction ring today when he was sold for 90 cents a pound. Only once has this price been passed. The first year of the exposition a Pittsburgh packing house paid \$1.25 a pound for Advance, the prize-winner that year.

Wheat and Rye Report.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The December crop report shows the acreage sown to winter wheat this fall is 32,213,000, as compared with 32,648,000 for the 1911 crop. The condition is 86.6 per cent. The acreage of rye is 2,426,000, compared with 2,415,000 for the 1911 crop. The condition is 93.3 per cent.

Blackhand Given Five Years.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Phillip Purpura today was sentenced to five years and fined \$1,000 for sending black hand letter through the mails.

Destroy Beer in Kansas.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 7.—Under the direction of W. E. Montgomery, assistant attorney general of Kansas, four carloads of beer were destroyed here. The liquor represented the confiscations from illegal selling places.



NEWS ITEM—Attorney General Wickersham has begun court proceedings against the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, O., to prevent further use of what he calls "savage" methods of stifling competition.

come together and mutually disclose their business conditions to steady and balance trade, without making any agreement on prices.

FOR LIBERAL COMMISSION.

Gary urged a federal commission authorized to consider the management, character and extent of corporations and to permit certain pooling arrangements when conditions warranted. He would give this commission authority to say what agreements would be permitted. Gary expressed the opinion that no corporation has a right to object to the Sherman law, if it means, as he believes it does, that no combination shall be created with the purpose of creating a monopoly or restraining trade.

PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC.

If corporations are prevented from doing these things, then the public is protected, he agreed. He thought the whole question turned upon the definition of "undue restraint of trade."

DEET TESTS HARD TO GET.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house committee investigating the so-called sugar trust today heard the testimony of James Bodkin of Meade, Col., representing the farmers of that sugar beet territory. He declared the farmers of Colorado had difficulty in getting scientific tests of their beets except by customers of the Great Western Sugar company. The company's influence was such that farmers could not get a private test, he asserted. Representative Fordney said the witness evidently was an enemy of the Great Western Sugar company. Bodkin retorted the representative seemed to be a friend of the sugar refiner and an enemy of the farmer. Fordney protested he was a friend of the farmer.

One to Hang for Murder.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 7.—John Matlock and Robert Pruitt today were convicted of the murder of Frank Cashin in this city Oct. 14. Matlock was sentenced to hang and Pruitt to life imprisonment.

numbers of natives gathered along the route, forming a striking background to the gorgeously uniformed procession, which was headed by lancers, with bands playing.

The native escort of the viceroy, in scarlet and gold, preceded the imperial cadet corps composed of princes and their sons. Their majesties and the viceroy's suites were next.

HATS ARE DOPPED.

As their majesties approached, the troops presented arms, European spectators took off their hats, and natives bent deep toward the ground. A body-guard of Indian princes, who followed immediately after, outshone in splendor all that had passed. In strict order of precedence came 150 maharajahs, rajahs, nawabs, and other chieftains. The column was closed by a band of savage looking Afghans and Pathan chiefs on wild ponies and a detachment of native and British troops.

Their majesties entered the city through the king's gate, now opened for the first time since 1857, when the king of Delhi went to public worship. At camp the troops passed in review. Receptions followed, and the king-emperor repelled with an address of welcome. Crowds of picturesque humanity, from the rajah in silks to the half-naked wallah, gathered to welcome their emperor.

250,000 PEOPLE ATTEND.

Mingling with them were bejeweled Indian princes, army and administrative officers, native and British private soldiers, and a large number of foreign tourists. In all a quarter million persons assembled in the camp. The ancient bullock cart, the smartest modern carriage, the powerful motorcar, the richly caparisoned elephant and the blooded horse added variety. The morning was given over to the reception of the dignitaries.

Sugar Reduced Again.

New York, Dec. 7.—Refined sugar was reduced 10 cents a 100 pounds today.

McNamara will also refuse to give testimony to the federal grand jury.

M'NAMIGAL A WITNESS.

Ortie E. McManigal, the dynamiter who made the first confession in the McNamara conspiracy, was taken before the federal grand jury today. McManigal was the first witness. The jury is to investigate a conspiracy alleged to have existed throughout the United States through which dynamiting damage running into millions of dollars has been done; dynamite has been transported unlawfully from one state to another and perhaps that improper use has been made of the mails.

CONDEMNED BY STRIKERS.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Thirty-eight hundred striking shopmen of the Illinois Central lines, at a mass meeting today, condemned the McNamara brothers and declared death should have been their penalty. Violence of any kind in a labor controversy was held to be injurious to the cause of union labor.

UNIONISM MUST ACT.

New York, Dec. 7.—William J. Burns, the detective who ran down the McNamaras, here today declared: "Every dynamiting which has occurred since 1906 may be traced directly or indirectly to the McNamaras and the men behind them." Disavowing enmity towards organized labor, and declaring "such conservative leaders as John Mitchell and others have stood behind me in my work," Burns said that "if unionism is to prevail it must kick out dishonest leaders and the corrupt machine which is dragging it down."

BLOW TO SOCIALISM.

"The turn the McNamara case has taken," said Burns, "has been the greatest blow to socialism in the history of this country. Ironworkers are not the only union guilty of dynamiting," he said.

VICTIM'S WIDOW SUES.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—James B. McNamara, under sentence of life imprisonment, had other troubles added to